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THEIR RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (RSIO) --
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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SUMMARY. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF CONFERENCE
FEB. 10 AND 11 APPROVED WITH SOME SLIGHT AMENDMENTS
DRAFT ARTICLES 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, AND 12.
SOVIET PROPOSAL TO DEFER CONSIDERATION OF ARTICLE 9
(APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF MISSION) WILL BE
DEBATED FEB. 12. US EFFORTS TO AMEND PROVISIONS
TO LIMIT COVERAGE OF OBSERVER MISSIONS ENCOUNTERED
STRONG OPPOSITION AND WERE SOUNDLY DEFEATED. END
SUMMARY.

1. ARTICLE 5 (ESTABLISHMENT OF MISSIONS) WAS APPROVED BY
COMMITTEE AFTER PROLONGED DEBATE ONLY WITH DELETION OF WORDS
"IF POSSIBLE" IN ARA 3 SO THAT ORGANIZATION SHALL BE OBLIGED
TO NOTIFY HOST STATE INSTITUTION OF MISSION. CZECH AMENDMENT
WHICH WOULD HAVE REQUIRED HOST STATE AND ORGANIZATION TO
ACCEPT OBSERVER MISSIONS IF MEMBER STATES MAY ESTABLISH PER-
MANENT MISSIONS (EVEN IF RULES OF ORGANIZATION DO NOT PERMIT
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IT) WAS REJECTED BY VOTE 18 (SOVBLOC, HOLY SEE, IRAQ,

SYRIA)-36(US)-8. WORDS "IF POSSIBLE" WERE DELETED BY VOTE OF 58(US)-0-6 (HLY SEE, CUBA) AND ARTICLE AS AMENDED WAS ADOPTED BY 53-0-10(SOVBLOC, IRAQ).

2. ARTICLE 6 (FUNCTIONS OF PERMANENT MISSION) RECEIVED NUMBER OF MINOR AMENDMENTS. FRG DEL PRESENTED SERIES OF DRAFTING AMENDMENTS WHICH WITH ONE EXCEPTION WERE ACCEPTED BY COMMITTEE. US VOTED WITH MAJORITY TO DELETE WORD "NECESSARY" FROM SUBPARA B OF ILC DRAFT AND WITH MORE FELICITOUS FORMULATION OF SUBPARA E. US VOTED AGAINST SPANISH AMENDMENT WHICH ADDED NOTION OF DIPLOMATIC PROTECTION BUT THIS ADDITIONAL SUBPARA F WAS ACCEPTED BY COMMITTEE BY VOTE OF 20-13-29. US ABSTAINED ON FRENCH/SWISS AMENDMENT WHICH ADDED LARGELY REDUNDANT LANGUAGE THAT PERMANENT MISSION ENSURES PARTICIPATION OF SENDING STATE. THIS AMENDMENT WAS ALSO ADOPTED BY VOTE OF 34-3-26 AND ENTIRE ARTICLE AS AMENDED WAS APPROVED BY VOTE OF 60(US)-0-4(CUBA).

3. FOR REPORT ON DEBATE ON ARTICLE 7 (FUNCTIONS OF PERMANENT OBSERVER MISSION) SEE SEPTTEL.

4. ARTICLE 8 (MULTIPLE ACCREDITATION OR APPOINTMENT) WITH FLOOR AMENDMENT BY IVORY COAST WHICH INCLUDED IDEA THAT ONE PERSON COULD BE ACCREDITED BY SEVERAL STATES TO ONE OR MORE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WAS ADOPTED BY FINAL VOTE OF 60-0-5 (US, SWITZERLAND, UK, FRANCE). SERIES OF VOTES WERE TAKEN ON DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF ILC DRAFT AT REQUEST OF SWISS AND FRENCH DELS BUT ALL ILC LANGUAGE WAS APPROVED. US ABSTAINED ON IVORY COAST PROPOSAL (59-0-5) BECAUSE OF OUR UNCERTAINTY, ON WHETHER THIS IS PRACTICABLE AND BELIEF THAT THIS IS NOT EXISTING PRACTICE. IN DEBATE US STATED THAT IT COULD SUPPORT DELETION OF ARTICLE OR ACCEPT IT AS WORDED.

5. WHEN COMMITTEE WAS PREPARED TO TAKE UP CONSIDERATION OF ARTICLE 9 (APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MISSION) IT WAS INFORMED BY CHAIR THAT SOVIET DEL HAD REQUESTED THAT DEBATE ON ITEM BE POSTPONED UNTIL FEB. 12. SOVIETS HAD TABLED PROCEDURAL PROPOSAL THAT AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 9 BE POSTPONED UNTIL CONFERENCE EXAMINED ARTICLE 75. AMENDMENTS (ONE BY UK AND CANADA, AND ONE BY US)
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ARE ATTEMPTS TO PROTECT SECURITY OF HOST STATE. UK-CANADA PROPOSAL IS ESSENTIALLY DIPLOMATIC PNG APPROACH. US PROPOSAL IS MODIFIED PNG PROPOSAL MODELED ON 13(B) OF UN HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT. CHAIR THEN SUGGESTED THAT COMMITTEE CONTINUE WITH ARTICLES 10, 11, AND 12 AND THAT COMMITTEE DEBATE SOVIET PROPOSAL RE ARTICLE 9 FEB. 12. EARLIER SAME DAY IN WEO MEETING, WESTERN GROUP, WITH EXCEPTION OF AUSTRIANS, PREFERRED TO RESIST SOVIET MOVE.

6. ARTICLES 10 (CREDENTIALS OF HEAD OF MISSION) AND 11 (ACCRDDITATION TO ORGANS OF ORGANIZATION) WERE APPROVED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY AND WITH ONLY MINOR DRAFTING SUGGESTION BY FRG DEL ON ARTICLE 10.

7. DEBATE ON ARTICLE 12 CENTERED ON SPANISH PROPOSAL TO DELETE ENTIRE ARTICLE. US, UK AND JAPAN SPOKE IN FAVOR OF DELETION. US EXPLAINED THAT IF SPANISH PROPOSAL WAS NOT ACCEPTED, US REQUESTED SUBSTITUTION OF WORDS "PERMANENT REP" FOR "HEAD OF MISSION". SPANISH AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED BY VOTE OF 16(US)-36(SOVBLOC AND LAS)-11. US AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED BY VOTE OF 5(US, AUSTRALIA, CANADA)-35 (SOVBLOC, SPAIN, SWITZERLAND), HOLY SEE)-19. ARTICLE 12 WAS ADOPTED BY 48-0-14 (US, UK, SWITZERLAND).HUMES

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